

**TITLE--;**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention--;**

5 in line 6, before "invention" insert --present--;  
after line 8, insert --

**Description of the Related Art--;**

in line 10, before "EP 0 460 834 A1" insert --European patent document--;  
after line 33, insert --

10 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;**

in line 34, before "invention" insert --present--; and

in lines 37 and 38, delete "accordance with claim 1." and insert } a supply

module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine, in which case the components can be displaced in the supply module  
15 into a collection position from which they can be removed by a component-mounting head of the automatic component-mounting machine and can be placed onto a component carrier to be populated, a removal side of the collection position can be blocked by means of an adjustable locking element that covers the supplied component at least partially in a blocking position and that releases the  
20 component in a removal position, the locking element is designed as a strip extending in the advancing direction, the width of which strip is less than the lateral distance between the component and an adjacent exterior side of the supply module, the exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being perpendicular to the advancing plane, and the locking element can be moved  
25 transversely with respect to the advancing direction into the edge region between the component and the exterior side.

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On page 2, in line 10, delete "said" and insert --the--;

in line 16, delete "characterized in the claims 2 to 4:" and insert /provided

5 by the locking element being designed as a narrow finger projecting in the  
advancing direction, the free end of which finger forming the strip and projecting  
into the removal region of the component in the blocking position, and the free  
end being movable into the edge region by lateral deflection. In a preferred  
embodiment, the finger is designed as a freely projecting bending spring which is  
anchored by its non-free end on a fixed bearing of the supply module. In one  
embodiment, the bending spring is designed as an electrically actuatable bending  
10 transducer, in particular of piezoceramic-- ;

in line 17, delete "according to claim 2";

in line 24, delete "The" and insert --A further-- and delete "according to  
claim 3--; and

15 in line 33, delete "The" and insert --Another-- and delete "according to  
claim 4--.

On page 3, after line 5, insert --

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;**

in line 6, before "invention" insert --present--;

in line 8, change "drawing" to --drawings--;

20 after line 16, insert --

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;**

in line 18, after "reel" insert --10--;

in line 30, after "drive" insert --12-- and delete "(not illustrated)";

in line 33, delete "(not illustrated)" and after "head" insert --16--;

25 in line 35, after "arrow" insert --18--; and

in line 38, change "arrow" to --arrow 20--.